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MEMORANDUM FOR CHAIRMAN, CRITICAL INTELLIGENCE PROBLEMS COMMITTEE

Subj: CRITICAL INTELLIGENCE PROBLEMS (U)

Ref: (a) Chairman CIPC Memo DCI/ICS 85-3815 of 19 Aug 85

(b) DIRINT, HQMC Memo 044/85 of 29 Aug 85

1. In response to reference (a), as modified during the 23 September 1985 CIPC meeting, the following candidate topic is submitted for possible CIPC consideration:

National Foreign Intelligence Program support to Contingency Operations. This study would encompass a review of the contributions of NFIP activities and capabilities in support of U.S. forces deployed in response to contingency situations. It would examine national and tactical HUMINT, SIGINT and IMINT collection systems in terms of their tasking, synergism, and responsiveness in supplying Essential Elements of Information to commanders in the planning and execution of contingency missions. The study should identify strengths and weaknesses inherent in all three disciplines and, more importantly, in the ability to fuse, tailor and disseminate the products of those disciplines. Although this effort should ideally be accomplished across a full spectrum of contingency scenarios, a first cut, focused on the Philippine Islands and potential U.S. actions there, would have the additional benefit of being of immediate interest to senior civilian and military makers. Lessons learned from Beirut and Grenada would also be relevant. The key issue is whether the results of national collection are being received by operational units in a usable form, in a timely manner, and with all possible intelligence fused and tailored to the mission. This study should identify barriers to this process, i.e., ORCON restrictions, compartmented imagery, NOFORN caveats, etc.

2. This topic represents a consolidation of the two topics submitted by reference (b). It is believed that the Philippines situation provides a relevant model on which to evaluate the responsiveness of national program managers to current and potential contingency situations.

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